S.T.D. facility in Andhra Pradesh telephone exchanges

3295. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in each district of Andhra Pradesh State where telephone exchanges are not having STD facility at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to provide STD facility at all places of Andhra Pradesh in the coming year and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the places which are likely to get the STD facility during 1990-91; and

(e) the funds, if any, allocated for the purpose by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 112).

(b) Non-availability of equipment.

(c) Progressively as per plans' objectives.

(d) Akiveedu, Baptala, Bellampalli, Bhuvanagiri, Bodhan, Bollaram, Dronachalam, Garividi, Kamareddy, Mandapeta, Manuguru, Miryalguda, Nagar Kurnool, Narketpally, Palevoncha, Parvathipuram, Peddapolli, Penukonda, Pithapram, Ropalle, Toopran, Sattanapalli, sullurpet, Sirpurkagaznagar, Yemiganur, Madanapuram, Medichal, Shamshabad, Palavancha Jeedimetla, Vanasthalipuram.

(e) There is no separate 'Head of Allocation' for expenditure under S.T.D.

Bomb blasts in Delhi

3296. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME OFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bomb blasts in Delhi that have come to the notice of Government during the last 8 months;

(b) the number of persons killed thereby; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) 9 incidents of bomb blast took place in this period.

(b) 19 persons.

(c) 2 persons.

Inclusion of State roads under National Highways scheme

3297. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have requested the Central Government for inclusion of State roads under National Highways;

(b) if so, the names of States whose requests have been lying pending for clearance; and

(c) by when the clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Practically every State Government has been representing from time to time for the declaration of new National Highways. However, this issue is linked up with a number of factors, *viz.* recommendations made by the National Transport Policy Committee, fulfilment of prescribed criteria for declaring new National Highways, *inter-se* priority of individual roads on an All-India basis, and availability of funds in a particular Plan period. Further additions to the National Highway network would depend upon the allocations to be earmarked under the Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Five Year Plan which is not yet finalised.